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IN THE CLAIMS:

1-10 (Cancelled).

11(Currently Amended). A seal element <u>comprising</u>:

a metal body having an external surface,

a static seal portion of elastomer affixed to said external surface of said metal body,

a dynamic seal portion at a second surface of said metal body different from said external surface,

a supplemental seal lip at a third surface of said metal body different from said external surface and in working relation to said dynamic seal portion, and

having at least a housing portion, at least one dynamic seal portion as well as at least one static seal portion made of a static seal material, which is in at least a partial working relationship to the housing portion, and wherein the static seal portion is at least partially covered with

a covering of hardenable material on an exterior perimeter of said static seal portion capable of hardening under an increase in temperature comprised of friction reducing elements, wherein the hardenable material is different than the elastomer of the static seal portion material and comprises[[ing]] the following proportional makeup:

5-20% acrylpolymer,

0-10% PTFE, and

65-95% water.

12(Previously Presented). The seal element in accordance with claim 11, wherein the hardenable material is hardenable under the effects of temperature.

13(Previously Presented). The seal element in accordance with claim 11, wherein the hardenable material is a glue.

14(Previously Presented). The seal element in accordance with claim 11, wherein the hardenable material is a polymer glue.

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15(Previously Presented). The seal element in accordance with claim 11, wherein the hardenable material is comprised of polyurethane or polyacrylate.

16-17(Canceled).

18(Canceled) The seal element in accordance with claim 11, including a radial wave seal ring having an external surface on which the static seal portion is affixed.

19(Previously Presented). The seal element in accordance with claim 18, wherein the static seal material of the static seal portion is comprised of elastomer.

20(Currently Amended). The seal <u>element</u> in accordance with claim 18, wherein the static seal portion is made in a profiled form.

21(Currently Amended). The seal element in accordance with claim 11, wherein the hardenable material composition consists essentially of:

10% acrylpolymer

5% PTFE, and

85% water.

22(New). The seal element in accordance with claim 11, wherein the metal body includes two sheets of metal.